

Excerpt from the Draft Meeting Summary for the Hanford Advisory Board Meeting

December 5, 2019

Committee of the Whole (COTW)

The discussion began with a look back at the October COTW and the Five-Year Plan “placemat”¹ document. Jim Lynch, DOE, explained the intent of the placemat was to highlight the Hanford cleanup mission and key operations for accomplishing it. The symbols for various parts of the mission were carried throughout the document to tie the planning document together and paint an integrated picture of how key activities will happen over time.

Many Board members expressed their appreciation of the placemat, its layout, and the information it contains. The Board also appreciated senior DOE leadership participating in the October COTW and the quality of the DFLAW tour earlier that week.

Board members made some suggestions and observations about the placemat.

- One wanted to see a critical path schedule.
- The placemat could be better used by the public if it contained a glossary to define acronyms.
- For the activities listed across the bottom, add some kind of time frame so that people can know when to expect certain things to happen.
- Add the Hanford.gov website.
- Where do the German high-level waste glass logs fit in? This was a program from 1997 that is at a finer level than the larger activities listed on the placemat.

As the discussion transitioned to focusing on future COTWs, some Board members reflected that the Five-Year Plan topic was not the type of topic they envisioned for a COTW. The Board discussion and interaction about workforce issues seemed like a better fit for a COTW. Jim Lynch, DOE, clarified that DOE wants constructive dialogue.

The Board discussed possible topics for future COTWs²:

- Long-term stewardship and institutional controls
- Future use, end states, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), the Inner Area Principles, including what it will take to get there
- Legacy management
- Performance assessment and how things have been done on the Hanford site
- Risk, including a common definition, how it is measured, how to compare different types of risk, and how it is incorporated into cleanup
- What if we used the C Farm closure as a case study example that would enable us to discuss end states and risk-related topics?
- Burial grounds, including SW-2.

The discussion wrapped up with Board members requesting increased collaboration in designing future COTWs. Susan Leckband, HAB Chair, said that the conversation about future COTW topics will be discussed by the Executive Issues Committee (EIC) and a proposal will be brought to the next Board meeting.

¹ [The Hanford Site 5 Year Plan](#)

² [Potential Committee of the Whole Meeting Topics](#)